

Board of Registration of Allied Health Professionals
1000 Washington Street, Boston MA 02118
MINUTES

Date: September 22, 2016

Location: Room 1D

Time: 9:00 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jamie L. Musler, AT, Vice-Chair (Acting Chair)
Annette Iglarsh, PT
Thomas Darisse, OTA
Lisa M. Ayles, AT
Jay Bernasconi, PT, Secretary
Stacy Potvin, PTA
Chrys Peralta, OTR/L
Nancy Lowenstein, OTR/L

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Kelley, Board Counsel
Colleen Cavanaugh, Assoc Exec Dir
Sonia Jordan, Board Administrator
Anne Driscoll, Board Investigator

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

James "Zack" Zachazewski, AT, Chair

9:05 AM - Housekeeping

- Meeting Called to order-Colleen Cavanaugh
- Facility Briefing (fire drill instructions) + Location of Exits and Restroom

9:06 AM - Board Business

- Approve Public and Executive Minutes for July

ACTION: Tabled

9:07AM- Report from Board Counsel, Peter Kelley

TOPIC: Peter Kelley indicated that proposed regulations, not put on agenda for September, would be discussed at October meeting.

9:11 AM - Investigative Unit Update

- Update from Chief Investigator-Christopher Carroll

ACTION: not present

9:12 AM – Application Review/ PTCO Interview

- JC

TOPIC: Applicant cannot secure official academic transcript from institution due to financial issues.

Asks Board to consider unofficial transcript as part of her application for reciprocity from RI

DISCUSSION: OT's on Board discuss fact that she is NBCOT certified. Transcripts presented reflect receipt of degree. Fact that applicant is applying for reciprocity with an existing, active License in another jurisdiction versus a new licensure.

ACTION: Moved by Jay Bernasconi to allow licensure process to proceed; Second by Chrys Peralta with

unanimous vote

- BF

TOPIC/DISCUSSION: Review of PCS application for a PTA License with PT-qualifying education.

ACTION: Stacy Potvin motions to deny application, due to failure to complete and approved/accredited PTA academic program; second by Lisa Ayles with approval by unanimous vote.

- JM (EMA Physical Therapy)

TOPIC: Applicant invited before Board to answer questions regarding his proposed PTCO position, as applicant would be PTCO of multiple sites.

DISCUSSION: Applicant states that he would only be the PTCO of 2 independent sites.

ACTION: Stacy Potvin motions to approve applicant as PTCO of EMA PT. Lisa Ayles seconds; approved by unanimous vote.

9:40 AM - Compliance Monitoring: Associate Executive Director, Colleen Cavanaugh

- AH- 15-025 KC

DISCUSSION: Licensee proposes pre-approval of submitted documentation and billing courses for consent agreement as Ethics course already approved at 12/17/15 Board Meeting.

ACTION: Moved by Nancy Lowenstein to accept proposed CEU's presented for documentation and billing by Licensee with the exception of the Dementia course presented as inadequate. Second by Jay Bernasconi with approval by unanimous vote.

9:45AM - Correspondence:

- Email from Erin McQuaid dated 6/28/16 re: OT licensure

DISCUSSION: Board will answer that as that emailer presents the question, an OT could present this topic to a general education class.

ACTION: Moved by Jamie Musler; Second by Stacy Potvin with approval by unanimous vote.

- Email from Anna Thao dated 8/5/16 re: AT scope of practice

DISCUSSION: Board will answer "NO" to emailer's first question, and that not enough information is submitted at the present time to render a decision on question #2 in the email.

ACTION: Moved by Lisa Ayles with Second by Stacy Potvin with approval by unanimous vote.

- Email from Shaun Conway dated 6/8/26 re: NBCOT follow-up request for consideration.

DISCUSSION: The Board will answer that the question regarding NBCOT is moot at the present time.

ACTION: Moved by Lisa Ayles; second by Stacy Potvin with approval by unanimous vote

- Email from Lea Mermelstein dated 8/30/16 re: OT/OTA practice guidelines

DISCUSSION: The Board believes that the questions presented are answered clearly within the present OT/OTA regulations and concerning that the Commonwealth of Mass. allows Direct Access in its jurisdiction.

ACTION: Moved by Lisa Ayles; Second by Stacy Potvin with approval by unanimous vote.

10:15 AM: Jay Bernasconi moves to enter Executive Session pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §21(a) (7) to comply with G. L. c. 66, § 10, G. L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) (medical record information; Seconded by Lisa Ayles; approved by unanimous roll call vote.

At the end of Executive Session, the open meeting was resumed.

10:37 AM: BREAK

10:45 AM - Compliance Monitoring: Associate Executive Director, Colleen Cavanaugh

- AH-14-023 CWM

DISCUSSION: Licensee present to petition Board for early termination of monitoring requirements of probation.

ACTION: Lisa Ayles moves to deny petition and direct licensee to have monitor review licensee's action plan; seconded by Nancy Lowenstein. Motion passed, all in favor, but for Messrs. Bernasconi and Darisse opposed. Ms. Potvin abstaining.

10:55 AM: Motion by Jay Bernasconi with second by Stacy Potvin to enter Closed Session to conduct investigatory conferences and settlement conferences pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C:

Motion by Annette Iglarsh to exit closed session with Second by Tom Darisse. All in favor. During the closed session, the Board voted to take the following actions:

- Approval of Consent Calendar
- AH-16-028 (Anne Driscoll recused) additional documentation needed

11:40 AM New Business:

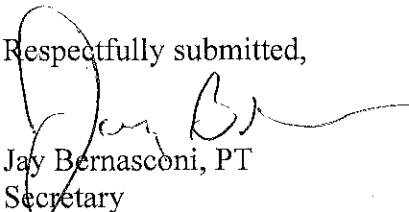
Board approved CY 2017 meeting calendar with one amendment, by motion by Ms. Ayles, seconded by Dr. Iglarsh. All in favor.

11:42 AM: Motion to adjourn by Jay Bernasconi with second by Stacy Potvin; approved by unanimous vote.

ACTION:

Adjourn: 11:42 AM

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Bernasconi, PT
Secretary